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3 1 LAW CLERK: East End Eruv Association v The 2 Village of Southampton Beach. 3 Your appearances, please. MR. SUGARMAN: Robert Sugarman on behalf of 4 plaintiffs. 5 MS. DEJONG: Jeltje DeJong on behalf of the 6 7 Village of Quogue and all the Quogue defendants. Good morning, your Honor. 8 MS. HAMILTON: Marci Hamilton on behalf of 9 10 Quoque and all the Quoque defendants. 11 MR. SOKOLOFF: Brian Sokoloff for the Village of 12 Westhampton Beach and the Westhampton Beach defendants. 13 MR. DORFMAN: Leo Dorfman for the same 14 defendants, your Honor. 15 Maureen Liccione for all of the MS. LICCIONE: 16 East Hampton defendants, and I'm here with my colleague 17 Robert Guido -- Southampton, I'm sorry. 18 THE COURT: We'll hear from the plaintiff. 19 MR. SUGARMAN: Good morning, your Honor. 20 May it please the court. My name is Robert 21 Sugarman and I represent the plaintiffs. 22 This case really comes down to a very simple and 23 straightforward issue because everything flows from 24 whether or not the sign laws of the municipalities apply. 25 We think it's clear that they do not apply to a wooden

4 1 stick. 2 And what flows from that, your Honor, is that 3 there are no constitutional issues because the municipalities are not being asked to do anything other 4 than refrain from obstructing the plaintiffs in performing 5 under their agreements with Verizon and LIPA. 6 7 municipalities are not being asked to do anything, they don't have to do anything, there can't be a violation of 8 9 the establishment laws. There is no constitutional issue 10 with respect to the establishment. 11 With respect to state law issues, the claim is 12 made that Verizon and LIPA have no power, absent the --13 THE COURT: Let me ask you. 14 Why are you joining three separate defendants in one action under Rule 20? 15 16 MR. SUGARMAN: Your Honor, the reason we did 17 that is because there is one Eruv that is covered by the 18 agreements that the plaintiffs East End Eruv Association 19 has with Verizon and LIPA. 20 There is one Eruv. It touches each of the 21 municipalities. 22 THE COURT: You still haven't answered why you 23 brought in three separate defendants in one action. 24 MR. SUGARMAN: Because the three separate

defendants have -- acted in similar ways to prevent the

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5 1 construction of one Eruy. 2 The Eruv, as I said, touches all three and, 3 therefore, we thought it was more expeditious --THE COURT: But the defendant is saying they are 4 all different and they have different rules and different 5 applications and different regulations, and some don't 6 7 have any. So I don't know who's on first and who's there 8 with first. 9 10 MR. SUGARMAN: Well, your Honor, we dealt with 11 that in all of our papers and most recently in our reply 12 papers. 13 We deal with each of the --14 THE COURT: Well, let's hear from the defendants 15 and see how you dealt with it on that issue only. 16 MR. SUGARMAN: Whether the sign laws apply. 17 THE COURT: No. 18 Why you brought three separate defendants under 19 one action, even though there is one God in certain 20 religions, that doesn't open up the door to everything. 21 Go ahead. Who wants to go first? 22 MR. SOKOLOFF: Your Honor, Brian Sokoloff and 23 I'm the Westhampton Beach. 24 THE COURT: Okay. Westhampton Beach. 25 What do you say?

6 MR. SOKOLOFF: Our case is the easiest to deal 1 2 with initially. 3 Our case, our position on this application for a preliminary injunction is we haven't done anything. 4 The plaintiffs sue us apparently because they say that 5 something we did made Verizon and LIPA get cold feet. 6 7 Here is what we did. The one thing that they attach is to an affidavit by William Balcerski, 8 B-A-L-C-E-R-S-K-I from the legal department of Verizon, he 9 10 attaches a letter from the Westhampton Beach trustees to 11 him: 12 Dear Mr. Balcerski -- it's dated May 18, 2009 --13 Dear Mr. Balcerski, we are writing as the board of 14 trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach, the 15 village's governing body. It's the board's understanding 16 that Verizon has again been discussing, with the Hampton 17 synagogue, an agreement that would result in attachments 18 to utility poles owned by Verizon and/or the Long Island 19 Power Authority located within village limits in order to 20 create an, quote, Eruv, close quote, under Jewish law. 21 Let me just stop right there, your Honor. It's 22 the board's understanding that there has been a 23 discussion. Next sentence: 24 The board further understands Verizon's position 25 to be that it will not execute the proposed agreement, and

7 1 will not take or permit any action with respect to utility 2 pole placements, unless and until the village approves the 3 attachments, close quote. Let me stop right there. The village is telling 4 Verizon that we understand Verizon to think that it needs 5 6 village approval. Next sentence: 7 For your information, the synagogue submitted an application to the village trustees in March 2008 seeking 8 9 approval of an Eruv within village limits. The 10 application was, quote, withdrawn, close quote, by the 11 synagogue in May of 2008. 12 Since that time, the village has received --13 THE COURT: Counselor, I don't have all day. 14 I just want to know why on that issue you 15 shouldn't be here, or joined in with the others. 16 MR. SOKOLOFF: Because we haven't done anything. 17 THE COURT: Okay. 18 MR. SOKOLOFF: That's why we shouldn't be here. 19 That's why it's not ripe. That's why there is 20 no 1983 claim. 21 THE COURT: All right. 22 Next. 23 MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, on that issue, the 24 plaintiffs --25 THE COURT: You are representing.

8 1 MS. DEJONG: I'm representing the Village of 2 Quoque, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Okay. MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, the plaintiffs have 4 lumped us all together and it truly is not fair to any of 5 the defendants. 6 7 For instance, we are very different in that Quoque, Quoque's provision is not a sign provision like 8 9 Southampton. It's a provision with regard to 10 encroachments. No one resides in Quoque. 11 No one resides within the proposed Eruv area 12 within Quogue, most importantly, there is not --13 THE COURT: Stop. 14 Plaintiff, who lives in Quogue? 15 MR. SUGARMAN: One of the members of the East 16 End Eruv Association. 17 THE COURT: Who? 18 MR. SUGARMAN: Lives in Quoque. 19 THE COURT: Who? 20 MR. SUGARMAN: I will get the name. 21 THE COURT: That's all I want to know, who. 22 MR. SUGARMAN: But there is another answer to 23 why, which I'll get to if you give me an opportunity 24 after. 25 THE COURT: Sure.

9 1 First let's find out the name of the person who 2 lives in Quogue. She says nobody does, you say they do. 3 MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, in plaintiff's reply papers that's the first time we were made aware of one 4 person who supposedly lives in Quoque, and they provided 5 us with a name. 6 7 Well, that person does not live within the Eruv area that's part of Quoque. So he's totally outside the 8 area that we are discussing. No statements were made by 9 10 officials from Quoque with regard to the establishment of 11 an Eruv. 12 All of the statements that the plaintiffs put in 13 their paperwork are not attributed to any official from 14 the Village of Quogue, nor are there any statements 15 made --16 THE COURT: Wait a minute. 17 You got off that one point and went on to 18 something else. 19 MS. DEJONG: Judge, I thought you wanted to know 20 the differences between the municipalities. 21 THE COURT: Are you conceding there is one 22 person who lives in Quogue so we can get off of that? 23 MS. DEJONG: No, your Honor. I'm not conceding 24 that. 25 I'm conceding they listed a name in their reply

10 1 paperwork and if, in fact, that person lives in Quoque, 2 that person does not live within that portion of Quoque 3 that they say is going to be part of the Eruv. He lives outside of the area. 4 THE COURT: Do they have to live within that 5 6 area of the Eruv or they can live within walking distance 7 of it? Judge, I believe they have to live 8 MS. DEJONG: within the area of the Eruv. 9 10 THE COURT: You mean if they live two blocks 11 away from the walk to the temple, they don't count? 12 MS. DEJONG: Well, you know, Judge, I'm sure 13 that they can -- I'm not that familiar with Judaic law. 14 I believe that they would then have to push or 15 carry or whatever for the two blocks and then when they 16 get within the Eruv. 17 THE COURT: Okay. 18 MS. DEJONG: But, in any event, that person has 19 never made himself known to the Village of Quoque. 20 The way that the Village of Quogue found out 21 even about this Eruv is from a conversation with the mayor 22 of Westhampton Beach. So it's like all of a sudden we are 23 here in federal court and the Village of Quoque has had no 24 knowledge about anything with regard to an Eruv, not until

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Also, your Honor, we have different franchises, I'm assuming, I think there would need to be discovery with regard to this. You know that in accordance with state law the transportation corporation law that different franchises were given to the utilities to, in fact, erect poles to provide public service to the citizenry. But I believe there are also poles that might be on easements that are privately created. There's a whole bunch of issues with regard to what the rights of LIPA and Verizon are, just within the Village of Quogue. THE COURT: That didn't answer any of my questions if there are other problems with the poles and so forth. How do you distinguish yourself from the other two, why you shouldn't all be lumped together is my question. MS. DEJONG: Well, your Honor, we shouldn't all be lumped together because, No. 1, we have different ordinances.

No. 2, we have had no interaction, whatsoever, with the plaintiffs or with anybody wanting to establish an Eruv.

THE COURT: Do you have an ordinance requiring somebody to make an application or you don't have that?

12 1 MS. DEJONG: We have an ordinance, your Honor, 2 that prohibits the encroachment on the public right of 3 way, and an encroachment is basically -- and I can tell you word for word, your Honor, if you like -- I'll tell 4 you word for word. 5 6 Specifically it prohibits any private use of any 7 portion of a public right of way through any structure or device, whereupon, above or under said right of way. 8 9 That's basically what --10 THE COURT: And you believe that stick 11 interferes with the public right of way? 12 MS. DEJONG: Well, yes, your Honor. 13 At this point -- we haven't even had an 14 opportunity to even make a decision on that. Like I said, 15 nobody's come to apply. 16 THE COURT: How long have I known you? 17 MS. DEJONG: A long time, Judge. THE COURT: Okay. 18 19 You think that little stick has -- obstructs the 20 public going and coming? That's what you just told me. 21 MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, I think it fits within the definition of an encroachment under the code of the 22 23 Village of Quoque. 24 THE COURT: Okay. 25 Next. On the issue of why you should not all be

13 1 lumped together. 2 MS. LICCIONE: Good morning, your Honor. 3 Maureen Liccione from Jaspan Schlesinger, and I can give you three reasons why the Town of Southampton is 4 markedly different. 5 First, the lechis are absolutely signs within 6 7 the Southampton sign ordinance. THE COURT: The what? 8 9 MS. LICCIONE: 330-201 defines a sign in 10 different ways and includes an outline or delineation. 11 That's what this is. 12 That's exactly what this is and if you look at 13 the Tenafly case, the Tenafly court called an Eruv a 14 demarcation. A demarcation, delineation, outline. 15 THE COURT: Which court was that? 16 MS. LICCIONE: Third Circuit, your Honor. 17 So that's the first reason why we are different. 18 Second, the reason that we are different and the 19 reason we are absolutely different also from Tenafly is 20 because as we put in the surreply papers and I have the 21 witnesses here, Tenafly was decided on the facts, and the 22 facts here are that the Town of Southampton has an active 23 and I will submit to the court strident enforcement policy 24 with respect to signs on the poles. 25 The third reason we are different is because the

14 1 case against the town --2 THE COURT: That's an issue of fact that will 3 have to be decided by a hearing. MS. LICCIONE: Absolutely, your Honor, and I 4 have the witnesses here. 5 6 We are ready to go. 7 THE COURT: Ready to go right now? MS. LICCIONE: What's that? 8 9 THE COURT: You are ready to go right now? 10 MS. LICCIONE: Absolutely, sir. 11 THE COURT: You can go back and continue with 12 your arguments. 13 MS. LICCIONE: Your Honor, can I just -- the 14 third reason that we are different? 15 THE COURT: Sure. 16 MS. LICCIONE: Thank you, your Honor. 17 Is that because with respect to the Town of 18 Southampton, the plaintiffs have requested nothing more 19 than an advisory opinion. We have the letter from the 20 supervisor, the e-mail from the supervisor saying this is 21 covered by our sign ordinance. We have an unauthorized 22 letter from the former town attorney asking, could you 23 tell us where you are planning to put this and if it 24 includes Southampton. 25 And we didn't find out where it was going to be

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                THE COURT: She gets off the issue that I asked
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      and now you are answering where she got off the issue.
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                MR. SUGARMAN:
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                THE COURT: Okay.
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      do, but nobody wants to help me --
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16 MR. SUGARMAN: Your Honor --1 2 THE COURT: Can't I say something? 3 MR. SUGARMAN: I'm sorry. I apologize. 4 THE COURT: All right. 5 6 Go ahead. 7 MR. SUGARMAN: I really do apologize. THE COURT: Do your thing, counselor. 8 9 MR. SUGARMAN: I'm just responding to the 10 arguments as to why each of these is different and coming 11 back to the point I made --12 THE COURT: Good. 13 So she's going the make the decision if you want 14 to answer her remarks, which didn't answer my question, 15 and you are going to answer hers, and she's going to then 16 rebut you on what you said and nobody's going to answer my 17 question. 18 MR. SUGARMAN: The reason -- I will answer your 19 question. 20 THE COURT: Good. 21 MR. SUGARMAN: The reason that these three 22 municipalities are all in this case is because there is 23 It touches each of the three. one Eruv. 24 And each of the three municipalities has had a 25 significant opportunity in this motion to make all of

their points, and one of their points as Ms. Liccione just said is they have different sign laws. Well, they have all had the opportunity to say to your Honor, our sign laws are different, and we have had the opportunity to say to your Honor, while they may be different, none of them apply to this stick.

They are not an encroachment on the right of way. They are not a projection on the right of way. They are not a sign for purposes of the commercial --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. SUGARMAN: The Westhampton Beach ordinance doesn't point to anything that has to do with the Lechis.

Coming back to the point I made at the very beginning, your Honor, this whole motion hinges on, in the first instance, whether any of the local ordinances prohibit putting the lechis on the poles.

Verizon and LIPA submitted a declaration in reply which says, representatives of the municipalities have stated publicly that they will not permit the Eruv to be established, that the installation of Lechis would violate local laws, and that threatening to impose fines and/or take other legal action against Verizon New York and LIPA if they permit the installation of the lechis.

This is not an advisory opinion we are asking for. We have contracts with Verizon and LIPA. They are

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      prepared to go forward with the contracts. They are not
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      going forward with the contracts because the public
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      officials of each of these three municipalities have --
                THE COURT: Are they included in the lawsuit?
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                THE COURT: Are they here today?
                MR. SUGARMAN:
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      The public officials of each have publicly said, we oppose
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      application to us.
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                MR. SUGARMAN: That's correct.
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19 THE COURT: Wait. 1 2 That's what? 3 MR. SUGARMAN: That's correct. No one made a formal application for two 4 5 reasons. 6 One is none of the sign laws applies, and, 7 therefore, there is no need for a formal application and the second reason is that the public officials of each of 8 these municipalities and I'm talking about Westhampton 9 10 Beach because Mr. Sokoloff did, made public statements 11 that any application will be denied. 12 THE COURT: Who made that statement? 13 MR. SUGARMAN: Mayor Teller, Westhampton Beach. 14 THE COURT: Who represents them? 15 MR. SOKOLOFF: I do. 16 THE COURT: Did he say he would deny all 17 applications concerning that? 18 MR. SOKOLOFF: I don't know what the context is. 19 I don't know who he said it to. 20 It certainly was not at a public --21 THE COURT: You don't know whether your mayor 22 said that and you are representing him and it was in the 23 papers? MR. SOKOLOFF: I know he didn't say it at a 24 25 public meeting.

20 THE COURT: Oh. 1 2 He said it privately, to whom? 3 MR. SOKOLOFF: I don't know whether he said it privately or not, but whenever he said it he had a 4 constitutional right to say. 5 He did not say anything in a public meeting. 6 7 did not do anything in a public meeting. MR. SUGARMAN: Your Honor, all I know is that 8 9 all of the trustees of Westhampton Beach have publicly 10 stated if it was a private meeting we wouldn't know about 11 it, it's publicly stated, every single one of them said, 12 one said the Eruv will never happen on my watch. 13 THE COURT: Don't you think I need a hearing on 14 that? 15 MR. SUGARMAN: No, your Honor, because the 16 reason that there's no hearing necessary is because we put 17 all of these allegations in our complaint. 18 THE COURT: Oh, and you put them in the 19 complaint and they are denying it, but therefore I have to 20 accept your interpretation? 21 MR. SUGARMAN: Counsel is standing up and 22 saying, I don't really know. 23 There's no denial in any of the answering 24 There's no declaration from any public official 25 in any of these three municipalities which says, I didn't

21 1 I don't mean it. They are totally silent. sav that. 2 We put the allegations out there in our reply 3 papers and there has been total silence. THE COURT: And you made no application to any 4 board whether it's required or not? 5 6 MR. SUGARMAN: We made no application because --7 that's right, because it's not required, and because it would be futile. 8 9 Those are the two reasons why. 10 THE COURT: Some have no rules. Some do have 11 rules and some --12 MR. SUGARMAN: Your Honor --13 THE COURT: And have different rules. 14 MR. SUGARMAN: The only things that the 15 municipalities have pointed to as to requiring an 16 application are these sign laws. 17 In Quoque's papers, they never argue that their 18 Section 158 really applies to a piece of wood and I think 19 your Honor's question was spot on. Does this piece of 20 wood encroach or project on to the right of way and there 21 can be no factual issue that a piece of wood that's no 22 more than an inch thick can encroach on the right of way. 23 I would suggest that there are no factual 24 There are no factual issues with respect to the issues. 25 applicability of the sign laws because if you look at

22 1 their provisions they just don't apply. 2 THE COURT: I'm setting it down for a hearing. 3 Excuse me, your Honor? MR. SUGARMAN: THE COURT: I'm setting it down for a hearing. 4 We'll take witnesses, but before that time I 5 6 want you to divide up this case as to which plaintiffs are 7 suing which defendants on what theory. I'm not going to take all three of them which have different claims of 8 9 violations and different notice requirements because I 10 can't figure it out who goes to who. 11 We have to separate it because some may be right 12 and some may be wrong and I don't know. 13 MR. SUGARMAN: Your Honor, let me just say, in 14 none of the papers that have been put in by any of the 15 municipalities has there been any argument that this is a 16 provision, and your Honor asked this question, there was a 17 provision in their local laws that requires an 18 application. 19 There is no such provision that we know of, and 20 the defendants have not identified any. 21 THE COURT: Someone wants to answer that. 22 Go ahead. 23 MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, if I may. 24 It has been our position all along that the 25 plaintiffs are required to apply and to get permission.

And that's based on state law, and our position has always been that we shouldn't even deal with constitutional issues until we deal with the state law issues.

Basically the fact that --

THE COURT: Do you have a requirement that they have to file an application before they can put anything on the poles?

MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, under village law, New York State village law, the village board of trustees have exclusive control over the streets and the property within the Village of Quogue.

And we have advised the utilities that in order for them to now -- to apply something to the poles on the village right of way for private use they have to apply to the village, which they haven't done, and that's under village law 6-602 and village law 4-412.

Since they haven't done that, your Honor, since the utilities haven't done that, that's why this matter isn't ripe. Yes. They do need to apply and we told the utilities that, and ordinarily, your Honor, when the utilities disagree with that they go and do an Article 78 in the state court and have a determination made by the state court as to whether or not the village is correct in requiring them to apply for permission.

According to the village law, the Village of

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1	Quogue and the Village of Westhampton Beach is entitled to
2	have reasonable regulations with regard to the public
3	right of way.
4	THE COURT: How about the Town of Southampton?
5	Do you require an application?
6	MS. LICCIONE: We require I just conferred
7	with the town attorney, we require applications for
8	certain signs.
9	The signs and if I just may, counsel was
10	going to Section 202 B, it's 202 A that applies. If
11	counsel the typical way that this is handled as a basic
12	precept of municipal law
13	THE COURT: Not typical way.
14	Do you have a requirement that they have to file
15	an application?
16	MS. LICCIONE: No because these are prohibited.
17	However, if they want to take the position
18	THE COURT: Where is it prohibited in the
19	statute?
20	MS. LICCIONE: It's 330-202 B, and demarcation
21	or delineation or an outline is a prohibited sign.
22	Southampton sign ordinance is new. It was only
23	adopted in 2004 and it's very exhaustive. But to answer
24	your question
25	THE COURT: Wait a minute.

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                THE COURT: Wait.
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                MS. LICCIONE: If I can answer.
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                THE COURT: No.
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                MR. SUGARMAN: Not that we know of, your Honor.
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                THE COURT: Read it to me where it's in your
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      ordinance that you have to make an application.
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                THE COURT: No.
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1	Read it to me		
2	MS. LICCIONE: Someone has to		
3	THE COURT: Did you hear me?		
4	You are going to do what I tell you to do. You		
5	made a statement it's in the ordinance. I say read it to		
6	me. Can you? Call upon the town attorney, maybe he or		
7	she can help you.		
8	MS. LICCIONE: Your Honor, there is no the		
9	town code provides that when you believe a local law does		
10	not apply to you or it's being misinterpreted you make a		
11	zoning application to the ZBA.		
12	THE COURT: I didn't ask you that question.		
13	I asked you if they have to make an application.		
14	You referred to a particular section. All I said was read		
15	it.		
16	Now you are telling me something else.		
17	MS. LICCIONE: These signs are prohibited, your		
18	Honor.		
19	Perhaps I didn't		
20	THE COURT: Read it to me.		
21	And where you have to make an application.		
22	MS. LICCIONE: These signs are prohibited so		
23	there is no specific application procedure.		
24	What the town		
25	THE COURT: Oh.		

27 1 So what you just told me before which I called 2 you down on, maybe someone's handing you something that 3 will help you. Is there a written requirement? 4 MS. LICCIONE: Not for this type of sign. 5 6 I think I misunderstood your question, your 7 Honor. THE COURT: Okay. You misunderstood. 8 9 So there's no requirement then. 10 MS. LICCIONE: Other than going to the ZBA for 11 an interpretation which is a standard municipal practice. 12 330-201 of the town code says the term sign 13 shall also mean and include any display of one or more of 14 the following, and in A is listed outline or delineation. 15 So it's clearly prohibited under the Southampton town 16 code. 17 I hope I have answered your question, your I apologize if I haven't. 18 Honor. 19 THE COURT: We are now going to set down a date 20 for a preliminary hearing. 21 I'm going to direct that you separate the three 22 actions against the three individual defendants so we know 23 who's suing them and for what reason are you suing them 24 and how they violated your constitutional rights or any 25 rights.

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1	When do you want the hearing?	
2	MR. SUGARMAN: As soon as you return from your	
3	trip.	
4	THE COURT: In the meantime, separate the three	
5	and delineate what you want from each of the defendants	
6	and why you think you are right as to that individual	
7	defendant so they can get prepared for it.	
8	MR. SUGARMAN: We can do that in a week.	
9	THE COURT: When?	
10	MR. SUGARMAN: In a week, your Honor.	
11	THE COURT: Fine.	
12	When do you want the hearing?	
13	MR. SUGARMAN: It really depends on your Honor's	
14	schedule.	
15	THE COURT: I'm coming back on the 9th of June.	
16	MR. SUGARMAN: As soon as you are able to	
17	schedule it, we'll be here.	
18	THE COURT: How about the defendants?	
19	MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, I'm going to be out of	
20	the country for three weeks beginning June 12th.	
21	THE COURT: Someone else in the firm will take	
22	over.	
23	We'll do it on the 14th. Anybody else have	
24	anything else? So on the 14th	
25	MR. SOKOLOFF: What time, your Honor?	

29 THE COURT: 9:30. 1 2 Who do you want to call first so we have an idea 3 what's going on? MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, if I may. 4 I will be in town for the 14th and the 15th. 5 6 there is any way that Quoque could be done first I would 7 really appreciate it. THE COURT: Okay. 8 9 I'll take you first. 10 MR. SUGARMAN: Your Honor, I'm not sure I 11 understand. 12 Which witnesses are we planning on calling? 13 THE COURT: Yes. 14 MR. SUGARMAN: We --THE COURT: Maybe none. 15 16 MR. SUGARMAN: Quite possibly none. 17 Maybe one to just describe where the Eruvs will 18 be and why it's necessary for the Eruvs to be in each of 19 these three municipalities. 20 THE COURT: It puts us in a bad position if we 21 have to decide against all three at the same time, or 22 maybe it puts you in a bad position. 23 They may have different defenses and how much of 24 an area in feet and yards, I have no idea, it's going to 25 cover or miles. I don't know how many poles are involved.

30 1 I don't know a lot of things, and you have put 2 me in the box where all three it's a yes or a no, and I 3 can't distinguish between each one of the towns, whether they did make an application, did they make statements, 4 did they do things? 5 6 Now you are telling me you are not even going to 7 call witnesses. MR. SUGARMAN: I said the chances are we will 8 call a witness to describe where the Eruv is. 9 10 THE COURT: Well, they are entitled to know who 11 you are calling and when. 12 MR. SUGARMAN: I understand that and I can give 13 them that information within five days. 14 THE COURT: You need five days to tell them who your witnesses are going to be? 15 16 MR. SUGARMAN: We have to -- frankly, we have to 17 figure out exactly how we are going to implement your 18 Honor's admonition. 19 THE COURT: Okay. 20 MR. SUGARMAN: And if today is -- by Monday, 21 your Honor. 22 THE COURT: Fine. 23 MR. SUGARMAN: And then they will tell us by. 24 THE COURT: Four days to tell you who they are 25 going to call.

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1	MR. SUGARMAN: Four days.	
2	Thank you.	
3	MR. SOKOLOFF: Can I ask, in addition to them	
4	just giving us the names of the witnesses, what the	
5	substance of the testimony that they expect so I know how	
6	to prepare myself?	
7	And then I can have counter witnesses if I need	
8	them?	
9	THE COURT: What do you say to that?	
10	MR. SUGARMAN: Your Honor, I can certainly	
11	generally describe the content of the witness's testimony.	
12	THE COURT: Okay.	
13	MR. SOKOLOFF: Thank you.	
14	THE COURT: And you do the same with your	
15	witnesses.	
16	MR. SOKOLOFF: Yes.	
17	THE COURT: I'll ask, what happens if we go over	
18	the two days?	
19	MS. DEJONG: Your Honor, I'll have somebody else	
20	there.	
21	If we could deal with Quogue first.	
22	THE COURT: I will take Quogue first and your	
23	first witness will be Quogue. So I'll try and accommodate	
24	you as much as possible.	
25	MS. DEJONG: I appreciate it, Judge.	

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                THE COURT: Okay.
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                MR. SUGARMAN: Thank you, your Honor.
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                THE COURT: We'll see you all on the 14th and
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      15th.
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                I'm going to reserve those dates for you people.
      Thank you.
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                              Thank you, sir.
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                MS. DEJONG:
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                MR. SUGARMAN:
                                Thank you, your Honor.
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